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1. On 23 February 1953, members of the 1933 and 1934 classes, from the Slashten (N 41-29, E 24-02), Nevrokop Okoliya, area, were called before a medical commission at Nevrokop. The commission had already examined young men from the entire Nevrokop area. Men from the Slashten area were the last to be examined.
2. The men were not examined by order of their class number. Following their medical examination, which was conducted by a 6-man commission composed of three officers, two civilians, and the president of the Slashten Village Council, the men were dismissed, and were not given any information concerning the results of the examination.

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1. The government's new measures for changing identity cards have met with great opposition among the Pomak population which considers them a threat to their religious and ethnic autonomy. Pomaks who are Mohammedans and therefore consider themselves Turks are called "Macedonians" (sic) on the new cards. They fear that this will eventually lead to their complete absorption into the Bulgarian population.
2. Propaganda campaigns to combat this feeling have been organized by the Nevrokop Communists. The Turkish Priests (khodzha) Yusli Eminov Imamov from Kochen and Sheket (Imu) from Slashten, both Communist Party members, have addressed compulsory meetings in the Pomak villages in which they urge the population to assist the government in carrying out the new measures. They told the Pomak women that it is not sinful to be photographed bareheaded.
3. All those who do not cooperate are called agents of the United States and are threatened with deportation to villages in the interior of the country. The population has reacted by calling the khodzhas traitors to their race and religion.
4. A state of quarantine was declared at Godeshevo (N 41-28, E 24-04) beginning 7 April 1953. Persons who had not yet applied for their new identity cards could not leave the village, while those who did cooperate were issued a laissez-passer by the village representative. All roads and paths leading out of Godeshevo have been guarded since 7 April, and it was announced that this practise would continue until all villagers had applied for the new identity cards and had new photographs taken by the special photographer. The villagers have also been threatened with fines of 50 leva after the first notice sent to remind them that they have not applied for their new cards, 100 leva after the second notice, and with deportation after not responding to a third notice.
5. Despite these coercive measures, more than 300 of Godeshevo's population of 750 continue to show their opposition to the new measures. Only Communist Party members willingly applied for the new identity cards.

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